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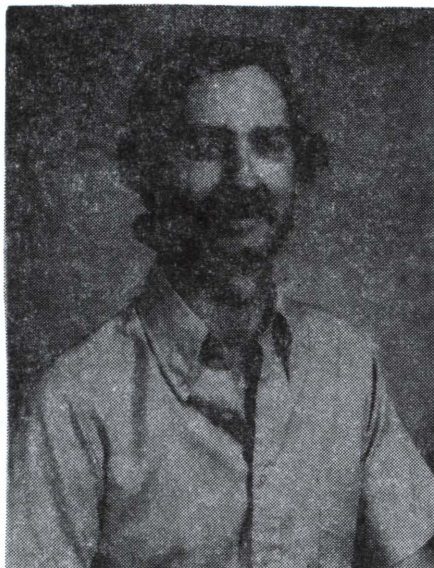
I recently received some very sad news from a member, Richard Locke of Evanston, Illinois, that long-time member and friend Richard Kerscher has died of cancer at age 43. Those who have been with the newsletter for some time might remember both of these individuals as those who accompanied and helped us during our research and investigations into the Watersmeet ghost light (Vol. 6, No. 1, February 1987). Mr. Kerscher was a Lion's club member, worked for the social security and loved the north woods. He was a graduate of Loyola University and was keenly interested in all aspects of parapsychology. He will be sorely missed! I dedicate this issue of the Ghost Trackers Newsletter to the memory of Richard Kerscher.

I wish to thank Tina Mason, Warren York, Sue Blumenberg and Vera Anselmo for the strange photographs that they recently sent in for analysis. Remember this is a FREE service whether or not you're a member or not. Just send in your pictures or slides (negatives not necessary) and within 4-6 weeks I will send back (if requested) your photographs with my analysis. Currently we have one of the largest such collections of authentic spirit and psychic photographs in the world.

Thanks also go out to Richard Locke for the article "Enhancing Human Performance", Antony Egan for clippings, Tom Perrott for the books, Jon Mullin for his book review, and Rev. D'Andrea and W. Ritchie Benedict for their articles.

You might notice the absence of the Haunted Bookstore in this issue but hopefully it will return by October. I just haven't received anything recently from Mr. Benedict. It could be due to a recent postal strike in Canada.

Starting next issue we will begin a series of interesting interviews with various fascinating people in the field of the occult, Fortean, parapsychology, etc. Watch for the premier of this column in October.



GHOST RESEARCH SOCIETY

I would like to acknowledge new contributing member Tim Rae and sustaining members Ralph M. Bird and Spectral Investigations from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I look forward to meeting with the latter in the very near future. Since the last issue we have added six new members and have had renewals from four. I must remind you that the only way not to miss any issues of the Ghost Trackers Newsletter is to return the renewal form as soon as possible with you check or money order. The renewal form is always sent with the last issue from your previous account.

I am sorry to say that since the last issue, Paranet Alpha, the huge database bulletin board service (BBS) from Fountain Hills, Arizona, has decided to call it quits. The new alpha board is now located in Colorado. For those computer buffs out there that might want to call some of these paranormal or occult boards and would like a complete list of boards around the U.S., just send me a long (#10 legal size) SASE, and I'll mail you a copy. The future of their newsletter, which was quite sharp, is unknown.

We had a great time at the recent Psychic Fair which was held last April! There was an overflow crowd and I met and made many new friends. For those who missed this fair, there is another to be held at the same location September 30th. Watch for details in the October edition which should be out by the second week of September or call Martin Riccardo at 749-7697 and give him your name and address and he'll mail you a flyer.

The newsletter of the quarter is Factsheet Five is a huge publication that reviews other publications and fanzines. #30 is over 100 pages long! Subscription for six issues shipped first-class is \$15 and well worth it! Write to: Mike Gunderloy, 6 Arizona Ave., Rensselaer, NY. 12144-4502.

True Tales of The Unknown, Vol. 2 will be out just in time for Halloween this year. Watch for it!!

MACABRE LONDON

By

Tom Perrott

Any city with over two thousand years of history to its credit must be the proud possessor of many secrets, some accumulating the dust of centuries and some of a more recent origin.

In an article of this length it is impossible to do justice to more than a few of them, but it is to be hoped that the following accounts will be of interest.

On the East side of the City of London, close to the site of one of its many ancient gates, Aldgate, stands the Church of St. Botolph, which was founded in 1125 and rebuilt in 1741-4. Several years ago I had heard that this ancient edifice was believed to house the mummified head of the Duke of Suffolk, who was beheaded in 1554. He was the father of the hapless Lady Jane Grey, the pathetic grand-daughter of Henry VII, who upon the death of Edward VI, was proclaimed Queen of England, but who wore the Crown for only nine days, before she was arrested and sentenced to death by the followers of Mary Tudor, afterwards Mary I. I accordingly visited the church one day, when I was on business in the area. Inside the building I found an elderly lady who was busily engaged in dusting the pews. I asked her whether the head was still in existence, whereupon she invited me into the Vestry, where she solemnly removed a plain cardboard box from under the Vicar's table. I took off the lid of the box, and there glaring balefully at me, was the head. It was not a grinning skull, but a perfectly preserved head, pickled by the elements to a leatherlike consistency, as a result of many years of exposure to the air, while impaled on one of the many spikes which crowned the ancient Aldgate. There were even one or two wisps of straggling hair, still attached to the ducal cranium.

Since the day of my memorable visit a more enlightened incumbent has made it possible for the head to be given decent burial. May the good Duke of Suffolk rest in eternal peace!

Another city church not far from the Thames Embankment is the Church of St. James, Garlickhythe, which at one time contained the mummified remains of a Mediaeval gentleman, which were discovered here during excavations in 1839. His exact identity, although he was affectionately known of "Jimmy Garlickhythe", was unknown, but as he was buried in a glass coffin, a status symbol in the Middle Ages, it was believed that he must have been a person of note. Some considered that he might have been one of the six former Lord Mayors of London, believed to have been buried in the church, possibly Richard Rothing, builder of the original church in 1326. His coffin bore an inscription carrying the following salutary warning; "Stop Stranger, stop as you pass by. As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, You will be, so pray prepare to follow me."

In 1942 during the German Blitz on London, a bomb hit this church, but it luckily failed to explode. However it seemed to

have the effect of awakening Jimmy Garlickhythe from his slumbers, because from then onwards, his ghost was alleged to have been seen on several occasions.

Once when an American tourist and her two sons were visiting the church, the elder boy claimed to have seen the figure of a dried-up corpse standing at the top of a stone stairway leading to the balcony.

Now the remains of Jimmy are no longer to be seen, because he, like the Duke of Suffolk, also enjoys eternal sleep in hallowed ground.

Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832) was a political theorist and a Radical, who wrote treatises on prison and judicial and parliamentary reform, many of his recommendations having been since permanently adopted. He was one of the founders of University College, London, to which he was deeply attached, so much so in fact, that he left instructions that upon his death, his body should first be dissected for the benefit of Medical Science, and then that his skeleton should be permanently stuffed and mummified. This was done except that his head was found not to mummify satisfactorily, so an artificial one was placed on his corpse instead. He is now preserved permanently in a glass case, dressed in one of his original suits, wearing white gloves, and carrying his faithful walking-stick, which rejoiced in the name of "Dapple". He is to be seen sitting on his favorite chair and beholding the world in a most benevolent fashion. When I used to attend lectures at the college, I used to always have to pass Jeremy in his display case. He always appeared to regard me approvingly, as if he was perfectly satisfied with the course of studies that I had chosen.

As an additional check upon the upkeep of his beloved college, Jeremy is sometimes said to descend from his case and to proceed down the corridor to the Library, the tapping noise of Dapple, being distinctly heard en route.

It used to be said that "the Streets of London were paved with gold", which might have been the case before the suns of Empire had forever set. However one can safely say with all sincerity, when walking around the crowded streets of the Metropolis, that one never has to proceed very far before coming across a fascinating story.

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GHOST VERSUS SPIRIT

By

Rev. Maria D'Andrea

Although most people are unaware, there is a difference between a ghost and a spirit.

Ghosts are earthbound spirits. They are people who have passed away. Some are aware of the transition, some still do not realize they are not in their physical body. They are seeking help in crossing over to connect with the Godhead.

There are those who are looking for a solution to a problem that existed in their previous life. Unfinished business. Those who feel there are issues to be finished prior to their next step, due to passing on too soon.

Some are unaware they are in their light bodies. Usually this occurs from a shock at the time of their demise. Getting run over by a car or any unexpected form. For instance, if they were ill for a long time, then the subconscious would have expected it on some level, instead of it being a shock.

They need our help to become aware of their death. Simply tell the ghost of its situation, then bless the entity to seek the white light and head towards it. This white light is the God presence. In essence, sending the entity home. You may need to repeat this process a few times for it to be accepted. However, the end result is always positive.

The word spirit covers all levels, including ghosts. There are varied categories.

Elementals are one form. These are nature spirits. Devas, elves, sylph, undine, to name a few. These spirits connected to nature are very real. Their rate of vibration is very fast, and thus are difficult to test scientifically. The varied vibrational rates are acknowledged in the scientific field, this level being on the same wavelength as electricity.

Some spirits have never incarnated unto the physical plane, some are entities who passed on from this life.

These are spirits who are low spiritually. These can be energy-greedy and are capable of draining us physically and emotionally. Much the same as a flashlight battery with frequent use.

Other spirits can attach themselves to negative people. Such as alcoholics, drug addicts, gamblers, etc. They can thus live vicariously through living beings.

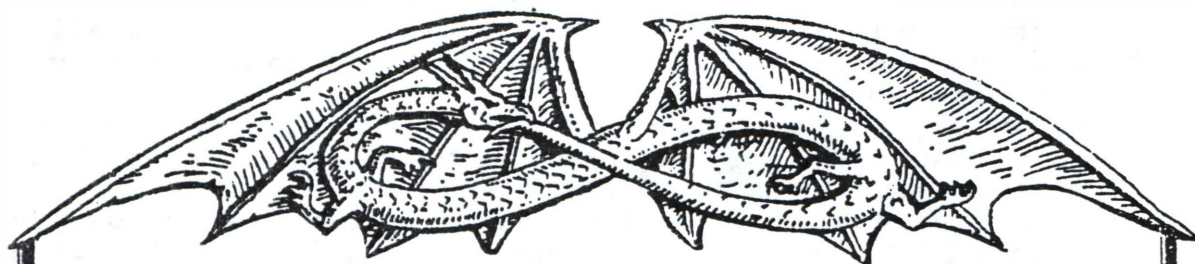
Spirit guides come to those on a higher awareness level. They chose to serve. To guide us. They will give us information in varied forms. Such as clairvoyance, clairaudience, "knowing", or whatever form the person receiving the information is open to. The information is meant as a guide, not telling us we "have to". They give us the knowledge, but due to free will, it is up to us whether we put it to use or not.

You may have noticed that around the time of Thanksgiving to a little after New Years there seems to be more chaos on the spiritual plane. This is due to the spiritual world going

through major changes. It is a time when higher spirit, Jesus, shows the way back to spirits through goodness, peace and light. There is a balance in nature; Yin and Yang; positive and negative; light and dark; good and evil. Due to this, it is a time of struggle for some in the spiritual world.

There is a hierarchy of angels and numerous other spiritual beings. We need to remember that the ghosts are the earthbound spirits who need our help in first becoming aware of their own death. Then in finding their way. If you are aware of this, then you realize you are in a positive position of aid instead of a negative situation when dealing with the ghosts.

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THE PURPOSE OF PSYCHIC-A PSYCHIC'S VIEW

By

Evelyn Collins Geras

The true purpose of a psychic is not to tell you all of the wonderful things that will happen in your future, or to let you know what is going to happen to your favorite movie star. It is not even to warn you of unhappy events coming up for you in the future. True, as psychics we do this, but the goal of a positive psychic is to give you insight into how to improve your lives in the present. We hope to give you a clearer picture of what is happening in your life and why. This allows you the opportunity to take control of your own future. A psychic sees the path you are currently taking and senses the direction and events coming for you along that path. However, that is not the only path you can take. There is free will here on Earth, so the future is not fixed. It can change. You can change it.

I have always believed that there is no real death, only a transition and movement to another level of learning. The idea of Heaven and Hell never appealed to me because it just didn't make sense. You were given one chance here on Earth and then eternity is decided. Well, eternity is forever. For it to be decided on one lifetime of maybe 70 to 80 years just doesn't make sense to me. I feel we go through many lives here and in other dimensions. In those many lives we either move closer to God or farther away. I believe that God is the total of all life and that we are all a part of the consciousness that is God. As we go up in level we will understand more and more about what is God. We are only given so much to work with here.

Emotional growth is the most important of all our progress. The ability to love, understand, create---these are qualities that we will be taking with us when we cross to the other side. The material things we will leave here. They are tools, as how we use these tools will say much about what our next existence will be. If we allow ourselves to become hateful and bitter about what happens in our lives, if we take no responsibility for our own actions and do not learn from them our growth will suffer. If we come to realize that we are in control of much of what happens to us, then we will be more capable of working out problems and getting through the hard times in our lives. Of course, we aren't directly responsible for every bad thing that happens to us. But we can learn to control our reaction to them. Certain things are brought into our lives because they are things that we have to learn to deal with. It may be that these are things we neglected or were unable to work out in past existences.

We have free will--we can do what we want. We can go forward or fall back. We can even stay the same. But as my spirit guides have warned, if we do choose to stay the same and not grow we should not expect the same level of existence the next time. It will be harder. It will be harder in order for the motivation for growth to occur. The longer you stay in one place the harder it is to move, so it only stands to reason that


the circumstances may have to get worse before you want them to get better. The same goes for falling back. You have to make up the lost ground sooner or later and the longer you wait the harder it will be. Life was not meant to be a neutral existence. Stagnation is a negative state. Life was meant to be dynamic, moving, enriching.

I believe that the loved ones we have lost when they died are not gone at all. They are on another level. It is a level in which it is harder for us to reach over to them, but one in which they can and do reach over to us. They are very aware of us. As one who has reached out to that level and spoken to some who have crossed over, I can tell you that they do exist and are still learning, growing and striving to enhance their existence. I have made contact with loved ones from this lifetime that have crossed over, and have also been reacquainted with those who have been associated with me in past lives. I feel a warmth and love from these "spirits" that is every bit as strong as with those friends and loved ones here. They are just as vital, just as "human" as we are. They are only in a different place. They have used their enhanced abilities to help me realize my own. They work with me to help others here on Earth. I am determined to use my own abilities, with their help, in only the most positive ways. My purpose here is to develop my abilities and my understanding of the spirit world, and to use what understanding I gain to help others realize their purpose and their own special abilities. Everyone has them.

So think carefully the next time you sit before a psychic reader. Open your own channels and you may find you will experience a much deeper, less trivial reading that you have experienced before. Enjoy the reading yes, but also realize that YOU are to experience this life and YOU are the key to what you do with it. Don't depend on a psychic (or a spirit) to solve all your problems. They will give you insight, but you have to do the work, and YOU will be the one to gain from your efforts. Not a bad arrangement, as I see it.

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THE SIGHING GHOST OF CARPENTER STREET

By

Bob Barraco

As we followed the real estate agent into the house we were going to rent, we had no idea that a ghost was part of the deal. Sure the place looks like it could harbor a spirit but, so does every other building in the historic district of Saelm, Massachusetts. Salem is one of the oldest ports in the U.S. and was first settled in 1626. For a small city with such an early and notorious history, everyone expects to have a haunting here and there.

At first we experienced nothing unusual, at least nothing that couldn't be attributed to the age and condition of the house. The main house itself was built in 1807. It is a lovely three-story, low-hipped-roof brick Federal dwelling. We live in another part of the house that was added in 1860 to serve as a kitchen and a second floor bedroom. The next stage built on to this is a garrison revival, constructed to emulate the early homes of the 17th century. This "carriage house" as it is now referred to, was built in 1930 by one man, a former owner whose name I have not yet been able to discern. This is an important facet in this case as I suspect that this is the person who remains here - in spirit.

As I have said, my wife and I encountered no unusual occurrences, until one night about two months after we moved in. We had been watching a movie which had just ended, when directly next to my wife on the couch came the most explicit sound of a very heavy sigh. The hair on the back of our necks stood up, we were taken a little by surprise but kept calm to watch for any further development. To our astonishment we saw in front of us a shadow of a partial figure walk by us and into the next room. I was not going to pursue it that night.

The next month yielded nothing spectacular, although we were most keen to watch for any paranormal events. We would hear the sounds of closet doors opening and light switches turning, but when we would check both doors and light switches everything remained in the usual positions. This activity persisted for several months but other sounds were added like that of someone walking heavily on the floor above us.

Then it happened, what I had been waiting for for a long time, a full blown ghostly-type apparition. I had just got out of bed on a bright April morning and was sitting in my living room looking out of the window when there appeared a man. He looked to be about age 60 or more and was dressed in dungaree clothing and work boots. He was walking down the brick walkway. At first I thought he was an intruder, after all we are not near the street side walk. He would have to walk past the main house to get here. Then I saw his facial expression. It was not that of an intruder who would look cautious, but he had a look of belonging, like he had every right to be where he was. I thought that he might be a sales person selling raffle tickets or boosters. So I waited by my front door before opening it to

give him time to get to the door. Just at the moment he should have arrived at the door, I opened it finding an empty stoop. I looked outside but there was no one in sight. He could not have left the property without me seeing him as the yard is surrounded by a high fence. He had vanished! This has been the only time I have seen this apparition.

I decided to do some research for background information on former owners and for any significant events that might account for these phenomena to be occurring. I found a substantial amount of information pertaining to the early years of the homestead including some particulars which I found in the town's Diary. It appears that in 1872 the house belonged to the First Church of Salem. The church sponsored a Cuban diplomat who was in exile for an unexplained reason from his country. He remained in Salem for many years, but all the time had yearned to go back to his home land to retrieve his family. He was unable to bring loved ones here to be close to him. He died in this house a very depressed and emotionally broken man.

I also discovered more information about more recent years by interviewing some of the older residents of the neighborhood. I was very curious about the person who constructed the last "antique" reproduction addition to the house. I have learned that he was an eccentric old man who was expressing some artistic bent when he built the garrison revival. The description of him gleaned from my interviews is identical to the way the apparition appeared on the walkway. I also interviewed the owner of the main house and described the strange events. As I finished my story she suddenly became very pale and told me that the exact events happened to her some years prior but in a different part of the house. She also had experienced the heavy sighing several more times than we had. I was quite relieved to hear that she too had seen and heard our "visitors". My wife and I were relieved and reassured that our sanity was intact.

It seems that our spiritual visitors are merely checking up on the tenants of their dwellings we now inhabit. We are only temporary but they are permanent.

Submitted by: Bob Barraco, 5 Carpenter Street, Salem, Ma., 01970

LETTERS FROM READERS

Do you have any spirit photos with negatives that have been independently tested and documented as free from all tampering, air-brushing, etc.? I would be very interested in obtaining copies of the photos and documentation, and, of course, would pay you for them. Please respond. I have enjoyed my 3 year membership and your newsletter.

Vic DeVincenzo

Editor: We have several such photographs and are currently in the process of writing a directory of such photographs with circumstances involved, details and test results. Watch for it's announcement!

I was just wondering where spirits and ghosts go after their house is torn down? We lived in this old house for years, these spirits did not approve of us at first, then they came very close to us. I very seldom told anyone about them, if they stayed overnight in the guest room, which was the spirits room. I'd let them find out for themselves. Some would just give me a strange look in the morning or just ask kind of shy. What's with this place? To make the spirits behave, I'd tell them to behave or I'd move and the house would be torn down. They'd be good for as long as six months. The place is torn down. Nothing remains; walnut trees are planted there now.

Oh, by the way, they were a young woman and a very big man, not fat but big. I never really saw them, just glimpses of them out of the corner of my eye. The woman more often than the man. Her, by the side of the bed, as I was retiring, just glimpses. I always felt safe with them around. I was wondering if you do believe in spirits you could answer my question.

R. H. Martin

Hanford, Ca.

Editor: Ghosts sometimes remain in the same place even though there may not be a house or structure there anymore. It really depends what kept them there in the first place. Whether or not it was the structure or the people living in the structure. If it was the latter, then they may follow the people around and leave the area permanently.

Saw your card in the Gnostic Times and felt compelled to write to you and compare notes if you would. Am a psychic, have been for a number of years, and done some extensive studies. Took a couple courses from Dr. Ron Hill of Daytona Beach (was 10 years ago so not sure his last name is right). He's a professor of parapsychology there. Enjoyed his discourses on ghost busting, huntin, etc.

My reasoning for taking such courses was from being a trained psychic and had several experiences with ghosts years ago. One such was as a 18 year old and on a date allowed myself to be hustled by a buddy of mine to go to a real old cemetery. After a couple of beers (beer did not cause what I saw) began searching for old graves. We found a few and about midnight saw the most awesome sight. In a mist type form is the best way I can describe it, saw three riders, one with his hands behind his

back. They came to a very old oak tree, the other two hung him, then they split and the images faded fast as the body jerked. Then, I guess, when the spirit left him, they were all gone. Was I seeing things? Only had two beers. I wasn't the only one who saw the whole thing. Our stories coincided. The name of the cemetery was Bull Farm Cemetery just outside Xenia, Ohio, near an old car dump.

Another time was while in Vietnam, this time it was my grandfather I saw who had died two years previously. His face appeared to me. He told me to stop the truck. When I did, and ran into the bushes, an MP (Military Police) jeep drove up in front to cover me, when it hit a couple of claymores and blew up. If it had been my truck hauling J.P.4 helicopter fuel, the entire convoy would have had it. I figure my grandfather was sent to me because I needed a guide and I loved and trusted him. Once when I returned from Nam was to a big deserted house in Yellow Springs, Ohio where there was supposed to have been an old preachers home, victorian style, about 18 rooms. A couple of Nam vets and I wanted to fix it up for a drug rehab half-way house. It was rumored that Rod Serling of Twilight Zone fame owned it because it was haunted and lived in it while a professor at Antioch College. I got to meet him once. Well, anyway, I went there and stayed a weekend to take measurements, etc. for work to be done. That night I began hearing voices, seeing things like curtains move, etc. Didn't see any ghosts, per say, but did see a lot of strange things.

There is a restaurant in Rockledge, Florida where I used to eat called Gentleman Jim's. I think they have real ghosts. The local paper several years ago ran a series of stories and photos of a couple male and female ghosts of the American Revolutionary times. The photographer claims they are real. Would love to do some serious research, but cannot afford the expensive equipment. Am not afraid to stay in spooky houses or graveyards. Would like to hear from you.

Charles
Corpus Christi, Tx.

Editor: Interesting stories. I would be interested in seeing those photographs or perhaps reading the articles that appeared in the papers. Don't feel bad, we can't afford all that expensive equipment either. We've made most of the equipment that we currently use.

I recently returned from vacation in England where I had a particularly interesting experience. It took place in Hever Castle, the home of Anne Boleyn.

I was standing in what had been a great hall and on the wall was a copy of Anne's last letter to Henry VIII in which she is pleading for her life. As I read it, absorbed in the sadness and fear of this happening, I felt a gentle tug at my sleeve. I turned quickly - but no one was there! I called to my son who was standing across the room - Steve, did you touch me? No, he replied.

Could I, in my sympathy for this tragic situation have drawn her spirit to me? My deepest feelings whisper - Yes.

June Francis

Roslyn, Pa.

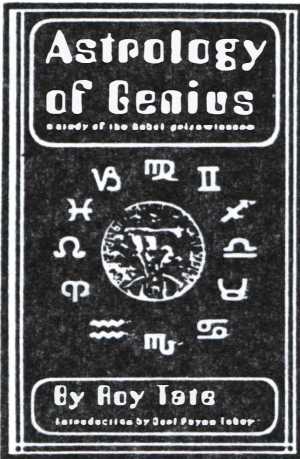
Editor: Many thanks for that report! It is quite possible that you could have sensed her spirit especially due to the tragic and violent way that she died. Perhaps our British Expert Tom Perrott might want to comment on the in the next issue?

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OPINION POLLS

Matthew Collins of Streamwood, Illinois writes, "I think you should dedicate a page or two on all the haunted and hot spots in and around the Chicago area. This would be for the people who want to go out on their own and experience the supernatural. They could take pictures, films, recordings and notes, to find out first hand if all this stuff is real. You should have this in a way to teach how to do this like a school and what to look for in a haunted house. I think you will get a better turn out in storys, pictures in your newsletter if everyone could go out and find the right stuff."

Dale Sizemore of West Columbia, South Carolina comments, "I would like to read more about poltergeists and physical phenomena that can be objectively recorded and verified. Infrared photos of ectoplasmic materializations are particularly interesting, but I realize these occur mainly in controlled seance conditions not spontaneously. Some ads look a little strange but not any more than those in Fate, or anywhere else for that matter. Raising revenue from advertising is the American way. Like Dr. Michaelson said of the Curran book: '....let the buyer beware!' I particularly enjoy your book reviews. You aren't afraid to criticise errors by 'authorities'".

Lisa Werner of North Hollywood, California says, "I received your directories and congratulate you on all the work that has gone into them. Your background is very interesting. I gather from it that you are psychic and have been doing some ghost-hunting yourself. I wish you all sorts of success with your tour to England. I have a sister living in London, but unfortunately she isn't the slightest bit interested in this subject, though our father was a psychic and a healer. Thanks again for the directories."



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BOOK REVIEWS

Mysterious California by Mike Marinacci (Panpipes Press, PO Box 25226, Los Angeles, Ca. 90025-0226, 1988, 144 pages, \$7.95 + \$1.50 P&H, softcover)

A well-balanced book dealing with all sorts of mysterious, Fortean and unexplained phenomena from ghosts, poltergeists, UFO's, Bigfoot and water monsters. Well illustrated with photographs and an excellent first book for Mr. Marinacci. I was very impressed by his great writing style and apparent knowledge of California lore, legends and facts. It is definately a book that should be taken with you if you plan to visit the Golden State and want to find some interesting or spooky areas to see.

The book is basically broken down into counties in California and then into cities within those counties. There is a very good bibliography at the end of the book. Apparently some of his excellent writing abilities come from influence of his parents, who are also authors of several books. This is not one to miss out on and you can order it directly from the publisher at the above address.

Rated 9 out of a possible 10 and reviewed by: Dale Kaczmarek.

Ghosts Of The Old West by Earl Murray (Contemporary Books, Inc., 180 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Il., 60601, 1988, 165 pages, \$8.95, softcover)

Another great book on ghosts of the western states! This book, however, is broken down a bit differently. The chapters include: Old Forts and Battlefields, Old Hotels and Mansions, Old Trails and Ghost Towns and Native American Spiritualism. I found the book highly readable and easy to understand. Some very famous western legends are covered in great detail including La Llorona, the weeping woman which is one of the best and most spine-chilling stories that I have read in quite some time! It is about a woman's ghost who is always seen weeping or crying near to rivers or streams searching for her lost children which persumably drowned. It's supposed to be an omen of bad luck to those who see her.

There are some interesting pictures in the center of the book which is good. I enjoy seeing a picture of whatever I am reading about. That way it's not all left up to your imagination. There is no bibliography and the author doesn't bother to acknowledge any sources or help with the book, which is rather out of the ordinary.

Rated 7 out of 10 and reviewed by: Dale Kaczmarek.

The Astrology Of Genius: A Study of the Nobel Prize Winners by Roy Tate (Evolutionary Publications, PO Box 516, Miami, Fl., 33238, 1988, 140 pages, \$9.95, softbound)

A fascinating study of Nobel Prize Winners and their astrological implications. Well worth reading as Mr. Tate "did his homework" on this one! Exhaustingly put together with achievement profiles and all the astrological information on these most talented men and women.

These are updated and revised and include midpoints to outer planets. If you are into Astrology as a whole, I would highly recommend this very good and fascinating work for inclusion into your library.

Rated 6 out of 10 and reviewed by Dale Kaczmarek.

House of Evil and Other Strange Unsolved Mysteries by Margaret Ronan (Scholastic Book Services - Division of Scholastic Magazines, Inc., 50 W. 44th St., New York, NY. 10036, 1977, 156 pages)

House of Evil is an eerie, compelling and intriguing collection of true supernatural occurrences, some of which are quite famous classic cases, such as that of the haunted German submarine UB-65, called "the best documented ghost story of the sea".

The cases include a wide variety of Fortean phenomena, haunted houses, Bigfoot encounters, UFO's, the Hobs Lane Horror, phantom hitchhikers, the vampire of Groglin Grange, "Gef" the talking mongoose, spontaneous human combustion, the crystal skull, a cursed necklace, strange birdlike creatures which menace humans, the Bermuda Triangle and inexplicable showers of rocks, fish, meat and blood!

This book along with Haunted Houses by Winer and Osborn, was my introduction into the world of the paranormal, and it's as good now as it was when I first read it.

This is an excellent book and one which will firmly hold your attention from beginning to end. Anyone interested in Fortean phenomena should have it in their collection.

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